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14. [redacted] At a reception for Chairman Thomas Morgan,
~~House International Relations Committee~~, several current and former
Congressmen privately expressed deep concern over the security of sensitive
intelligence information in the current environment.

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15. [redacted] Accompanied [redacted], OCI, to a
briefing of Senator Dick Clark (D., Iowa) on the situation in Vietnam.
Richard Moose and Charles Meissner, Senate Foreign Relations Committee
staff, were in attendance.

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Following the briefing, Senator Clark expressed his deep gratitude
for the almost constant briefing service we had provided him; observed this
obviously would be the last session on Vietnam and suggested that we might,
however, be meeting with him on other issues in the future.

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16. [redacted] In the company of [redacted] OCI,
met with Senator Charles Percy (R., Ill.) in response to his earlier inquiry
to Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and advised him what
information he could not use from the NID in discussing issues with a foreign
visitor later in the day. Scott Cohen sat in on the session and the Senator
was very appreciative of our coming by. We stressed the absolute essentiality
that no attribution be made to the Agency on any information he used and
the particular sensitivity of the information in the NID which he cannot use.

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17. [redacted] In the company of [redacted] OCI,
met with Eric Foreman, in the office of Senator Dale Bumpers (D., Ark.),
and gave him a general review of the situation in Greece and Turkey.

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[redacted] Nancy Park, in the office of Representative
Richard Schulze (R., Pa.), called and said that the 94th Club of the
Freshman Republicans had their meeting and decided that their group
was not large enough to warrant Mr. Colby coming up to the Hill to
talk to their Club, and decided a breakfast/briefing at Headquarters would
be better. After checking the Director's calendar, the briefing was scheduled
for Wednesday, 14 May at 8:00 a.m.

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[redacted] Talked to Betsy Samuelson, on the staff of Senator
Patrick J. Leahy (D., Vt.), and asked if it was necessary for the Agency to reply
to the latest letter from the Senator on behalf of his constituent, Professor
[redacted], concerning his FOI request. She said no reply was necessary
since the Agency had responded directly to the Professor on 24 April 1975.

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20. [redacted] Called [redacted], DC/EA/VNO, and provided the local address of [redacted] in response to a cable from Vietnam that they had not been able to locate him. (See Journal Item #12, 25 April 1975) [redacted] said he would send this out immediately.

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I later called Peter Sheridan and informed him that we had not yet been able to locate [redacted] however, the listing of those evacuated were incomplete and a check would be made to determine if he is among those who were able to leave.

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21. [redacted] Called Mrs. Yates, on the staff of Chairman Charles C. Diggs, Jr.'s (D., Mich.) Subcommittee on Africa, House International Relations Committee, back and told her we would get a copy of the food production report to her today but that the Agency was issued a limited supply to be distributed only directly to either Representatives or Senators. She said she understood.

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13.

Mrs. Yates, on the staff of Chairman Charles C. Diggs [Ir's (D. Mich.)] Subcommittee on Africa, House International Relations Committee, called and asked for a copy of the report, "Potential Implications of Trends in World Population, Food Production and Climate" and we said we would get one to her shortly.

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14.

Gordon Frey, in the office of Senator Thomas J. McIntyre (D., N.H.), called to advise us that he had received a complaint from a constituent, [redacted], that the Agency was not promptly handling his request under the Freedom of Information Act. I explained to Frey that a large volume of these requests had been received in a very short period of time and they could not be handled promptly, however, all efforts were being made to handle them as quickly as possible. Frey said he understood this completely and made it clear that he would not press us in this matter. I told him, however, I would check on the status of this request and let him know.

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George Gilbert, OMB, called and requested fifteen additional copies of the Agency's revised package proposing legislation to protect intelligence sources and methods. He asked for the copies as quickly as possible and stated that they intend to expedite the handling of the proposal through OMB. Copies were sent immediately.

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16.

Pat Yack, in the office of Representative Alan Steelman (R., Texas), called and asked if the Agency had any non-sensitive information which can be given to Mr. Steelman concerning the world grain situation. I discussed this with [redacted] OCI, and a paper is being prepared to be used for official purposes only.

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Ed Terrar, on the personal staff of Representative Bob Wilson (R., Calif.), called and asked for assistance in the handling of a request from a major in the U.S. Army who is a close friend of Mr. Wilson and a former Green Beret in Vietnam who had a list of about 70 Vietnamese military and civilian whom he asked be given assistance in evacuation from Vietnam. The major claims these individuals worked closely with him. Terrar and I agreed that it would be better if the major goes through Army channels since the U.S. military would have undoubtedly sponsored their evacuation. Terrar said he would check with the Army Legislative office and would call me back if necessary.

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1. [redacted] Called Ralph Malvik, OMB, to report that the Agency is in full support of GSA's draft bills to amend 5 U. S. C. 5724a(a)(3) and (4) to liberalize conditions under which an employee may be entitled to subsistence expenses while occupying temporary quarters; and liberalizing code provisions which authorize reimbursement for the expenses of sale and purchase of a residence upon the transfer of an employee. No written response is required.

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2. [redacted] At Mr. Cary's instruction, called Russ Rourke in the White House regarding H. Res. 400. I inquired whether his office had been requested for comments by the House Committee on International Relations and what the Administration's position was. I told him we had some special problems with this because of the section of our charter which exempted the Agency from the provision of any law requiring disclosure of the names, numbers, or functions of personnel. Rourke was quite sympathetic to our problem but said he believed this resolution was being handled by the office of Phil Buchen, Counsel to the President. He then suggested I call Rod Hills, whom he said had been newly appointed as deputy to Mr. Buchen and who would know what action was being taken. I subsequently called Hills at the number Rourke provided but he was tied up and said he would get back to me this afternoon.

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3. [redacted] Called the office of the Senate Committee on Government Operations regarding S. 653, Senator William Proxmire's (D., Wisc.) bill to permit GAO audits of CIA accounts and operations. I was referred to Elizabeth Priest, one of the clerks for the Committee, who said that the bill had not been assigned to a subcommittee and that no agencies had yet been asked for comments. According to Ms. Priest, the Committee has taken no action on the bill whatsoever except to assign staff member Paul Hoff to handle it

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25X1 4. [REDACTED] Called the office of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs to discover the status of H. Res. 400, Representative Elizabeth Holtzman's (D., N. Y.) resolution of inquiry directing the President to release to the House of Representatives information on Americans remaining in Saigon. I was told that the seven-day limit for the resolution had been exceeded but that due to the press of the Committee's business regarding Vietnam aid, the Committee hoped to convince Ms. Holtzman to allow them a few more days to act upon it. With Ms. Holtzman's consent the Committee would very likely consider the resolution April 24th or 25th or the first of the following week.

25X1 5. [REDACTED] Called Cliff Hackett, House International Relations Committee staff, in connection with his query yesterday and told him since [REDACTED] was apparently an American citizen with no association with the Agency that we could be of no help in locating him for visiting West German Parliamentarian, Bernhard Bussman. No further action is necessary.
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25X1 6. [REDACTED] Met with Charles Snodgrass, House Appropriations Committee staff, and told him because of the press of other business Mr. [REDACTED], OCI, had not been able to pull together the paper on the various publications which Snodgrass understood. He also said that he had finished the review of the NIE [REDACTED] had provided him which Snodgrass characterized as an outstanding paper and asked if we could provide him a similar paper on similar sources. Mr. [REDACTED] has been advised.

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25X1 7. [REDACTED] Accompanied Carl Duckett and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], DDS&T, to a briefing of the staff of the Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee staffers on the Soyuz program. Those in attendance were: Robert Allnutt, James Gehrig, Charles Lombard, and Craig Voorhees. Mr. Duckett covered the program from the aspect of safety to U.S. astronauts and success of the overall mission. As a follow up, which we promised to provide for their review but not retention, a draft of a related paper being prepared by [REDACTED] which will be ready in about a week.

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25X1 5. [REDACTED] Accompanied [REDACTED], OCI, to a briefing of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and International Law, as part of Ambassador Brown's task force on evacuations from Vietnam. See Memorandum for the Record.

25X1 6. [REDACTED] In follow up of his earlier request, updated Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, on Agency action with respect to Agency personnel and [REDACTED]

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25X1 7. [REDACTED] Elmer Henderson, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Legislation and National Security, House Government Operations Committee, called to cancel Wednesday's 3:30 p. m. briefing and recommended another time.

25X1 8. [REDACTED] In response to her earlier call, called Julie Marshall, in the office of Senator Dick Clark (D., Iowa), to set up a briefing for the Senator on Vietnam at 10:30 a. m., Wednesday, 23 April. [REDACTED] NIO/SEA, will do the briefing.

25X1A 25X1 9. [REDACTED] Bob Hull, State Department, called and asked for the Agency's position on a proposal by OMB now being circulated for comments on striking the 1% "kicker" from the cost-of-living adjustment formula of annuities. He said State recognized that annuitants had been over compensated and the 1% added on should be struck but was suggesting a flexible formula. I said I would check and let him know.

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25X1A 10. [REDACTED] Accompanied the Director, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to a continuation of last week's briefing of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense on the intelligence community budget. See Memo for the Record. The Subcommittee asked that the briefing be continued again next Tuesday, 29 April 1975, at 10:00. After checking the Director's calendar this time was confirmed.

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25X1 11. [REDACTED] Accompanied [REDACTED], NIO/SEA, to a briefing of Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff, House International Relations Committee on Vietnam.

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12.

Peggy Welsh, in the office of Senator Dewey Bartlett, called and asked if someone could stop by and pick up a document which one of the Senator's constituents had sent them. The Senator would like to know what we know about the publishers and anything else we may have on this document. [redacted] will stop by.

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Attempted to see Tom Smeeton, House International Relations Committee staff, but in his absence spoke to Ev Bierman and asked him to tell Smeeton that [redacted], IC Staff, and I would like to meet with him at an early date.

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14.

Susan Boone, in the office of Representative Robin Beard, called and asked how they should go about endorsing someone who has applied for employment with the Agency. I suggested she have the Congressman address a letter to me and that I would send it to the Office of Personnel. I said in the meantime I would alert Personnel of the Congressman's interest.

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21.

Al Tarabochia, Chief Investigator,

Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Internal Security, called and referred us to a floor statement in yesterday's Record by Senator Richard Stone (D., Fla.) introducing a Senate Resolution 131 to require Senate approval of any change in American foreign policy toward Cuba. Tarabochia stated that Senator Stone introduced his Subcommittee's annual report describing the Soviet and Cuban intelligence efforts against the Venceremos Brigade.

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Called Mike Van Dusen, House International Relations Committee staff, to learn if the Subcommittee on Investigations had firmed up a date for the proposed briefing on Diego Garcia. He said it might be Thursday or Friday of next week but he would have to check on the Caucus schedule but he would check and let us know.

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Called Charles Snodgrass, House

Appropriations Committee staff, and confirmed that Jack Iams, Comptroller, would not have to be present for the continuation of the Defense Subcommittee briefing on Tuesday, 22 April.

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At his invitation, met with Elliott

Maxwell, on the staff of the Senate Select Committee, and discussed Agency positions on legislation and legislative history material on the 1947 and 1949 Acts. There are several follow up items and IC staff, has been notified.

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Called Mike Van Dusen, House International

Relations Committee staff, at home in the evening to complain about the article in the Los Angeles Times on the briefing given the Subcommittee on Investigations by [redacted], NIO/SEA on 16 April. Van Dusen agreed with me that the article was distorted in major aspects and that any comments by the committee members on the briefing violated the agreement reached with him and Chairman Lee Hamilton (D., Ind.). Van Dusen was deeply disturbed by the revelation and said that the Chairman would be also and in response to his request for guidance, I suggested that at a minimum the Chairman might wish to consider calling Mr. Colby to provide necessary reassurances so that we can continue to comply with the interests of the Subcommittee in substantive intelligence information in consonance with the groundrules which must apply to avoid politicalization and to protect the sensitive information involved.

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11. [REDACTED] Don Lucas called from the Bronx, New York, office of Representative Peter A. Peyser (R., N. Y.). Their office had received a postcard suggesting the recipients call the main CIA number for harrassment purposes. Lucas asked if we would be interested in having this postcard, and I said to send it to my attention.

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12. [REDACTED] Mike Van Dusen, House International Relations Committee staff, called to say he had spoken to Chairman Lee Hamilton (D., Ind.) about the revelations in the Los Angeles Times of the classified briefing of the Subcommittee on Investigations on 16 April. Van Dusen said that the Chairman intended to call the Director. Later in the day it was learned that Mr. Hamilton also called Mr. [REDACTED] NIO/SEA.

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13. [REDACTED] Elmer Henderson, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Legislation and National Security, House Government Operations Committee, called to request a briefing on the military situation in South Vietnam and evacuation therefrom for 23 April at 3:30 p. m. He explained that this in effect would be an update to a previous briefing by State Department representatives and DIA. I told Henderson that we would not be prepared to talk on the evacuation program which was not within our jurisdiction but that we would be pleased to provide an intelligence briefing on the military situation in South Vietnam, not as part of a presentation by State and DIA, but as a separate input suggesting that we could lead off with our briefing and then leave. Henderson said he would review these suggestions with Chairman Jack Brooks (D., Tex.).

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14. (Secret - LLM) Called Bob Kuttner, Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee staff, and informed him that the Agency had no interest in the transactions he had provided me that had occurred in the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and that the only service performed by that account was as I had discussed with him in our session of 16 April.

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16. [redacted] Called Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff, House International Relations Committee, and advised him of an unfortunate Los Angeles Times article by Paul Houston which quotes from a briefing given to the Committee staff on Wednesday concerning Vietnam. I said the article also quotes information that is very inaccurate. I told Czarnecki we wanted to cooperate with the Committee but we did not want our closed sessions leaked to the press. I said if we can't be assured this will not happen, we will have to take another look at our briefing policy. Czarnecki said he had not seen the article but that he would bring this to the Chairman's attention. He asked that I send him a copy and I said I would send one on Monday morning. Czarnecki asked me what members were present and I told him. I only had a partial list available at the moment and he said he would ask Mike Van Dusen for the full list.

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17. [redacted] In connection with Mr. Colby's request to prepare a response to statements made by Congressman Paul Findley (R., Ill.) I called Roger Knapp in the office of the Undersecretary for Congressional Relations of the Department of Agriculture. Knapp explained how the House Committee on Agriculture handles oversight of the Department of Agriculture.

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18. [redacted] Called Mike Hall in the office of Representative Paul Findley (R., Ill.) to inquire about the basis for certain statements made by Congressman Findley regarding CIA. After searching for a couple of minutes Hall said he couldn't find the file he had accumulated in preparing the Congressman's remarks and would call me back as soon as he located it.

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19. [redacted] Delivered to the offices of Senators Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.), Dale Bumpers (D., Ark.), Representatives Daniel J. Flood (D., Pa.), George Miller (D., Calif.), Anthony Moffett (D., Conn.), and Morris K. Udall (D., Ariz.) [redacted] in which their names were mentioned.

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20. [redacted] Met with Sandy Gilbert, Defense Subcommittee staff, House Appropriations Committee, and told her that we had received an original only of the Director's testimony of 17 April before the Committee, that it covered pages 1 through 193, and that it was available to the Committee upon their request.

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Thursday - 17 April 1975

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26X1 1. [REDACTED] Bill Hogan, Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, returned my call. I pointed out to Hogan that the recent National Security Act amendments, H. R. 5873, introduced by Congressman Paul Findley (R., Ill.) had been jointly referred to the House Armed Services Committee and the [REDACTED] House Committee on International Relations. I said I knew that the International Relations Committee would assume a larger role in oversight of the Agency, but that we thought the agreement of Mr. Colby, Dr. Kissinger, Chairman Thomas F. Morgan (D., Pa.), and former Chairman F. Edward Hebert (D., La.) to provide the International Relations Committee with special oversight of "intelligence activities relating to foreign policy" fell short of granting International Relations legislative oversight. Hogan contradicted this and said the Bolling-Hansen amendments, plus another change in the House rules allowing a bill to be referred to more than one committee permitted this joint referral, and he was resigned to accepting it without a fight.

2 X1 2. [REDACTED] Delivered to the offices of Senators Mark O. Hatfield (R., Oreg.), Edward M. Kennedy (D., Mass.), Harry F. Byrd (R., Va.), Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.), Lloyd Bentsen (D., Tex.), George McGovern (D., S.D.), Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.), Dale Bumpers (D., Ark.), John L. McClellan (D., Ark.), Jacob K. Javits (R., N.Y.), Thomas J. McIntire (D., N.H.) and James Abourezk (D., S.D.) [REDACTED] items in which their names were mentioned.

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3. [REDACTED] Met with Chris Sylvester, Administrative Assistant to Senator Milton R. Young (R., N.D.), and discussed the Agency position on two personnel applications which the Senator's office had forwarded. The names of the applicants are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Sylvester appreciated my stopping by and understood the manner in which the Agency is proceeding on these two cases.

2 X1 4. [REDACTED] Met with James G. Smith, on the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and he completed the necessary oaths for access to certain compartmented information.

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25X1 19. [REDACTED] Called the office of Congressman Paul Findley (R., Ill.) in order to request documentation of some statements the Congressman cited in introducing his National Security Act amendments (H.R. 5873). I was told that Findley's aide, Mike Hall, had written the statement, and I requested that he call me tomorrow when he returns to work.

25X1 20. [REDACTED] Received a call from the office of Congressman Andrew Maguire (D., N.J.), who inquired whether we might have a record of some testimony given in 1918 about a spy ring. I replied that the CIA only went back as far as its predecessor organization, OSS, which was formed during World War II, and that I doubted we had any 1918 testimony. I suggested that the office contact the Library of Congress or the Defense Department.

25X1A 21. [REDACTED] Called George Gilbert, OMB, to report that the Agency has no comments on the reports OMB is planning to submit to the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries on the Law of the Sea. [REDACTED] checked within DDI and determined this position.

25X1 22. [REDACTED] Briefed Tom Smeeton, Minority Staff, House International Relations Committee, on the main points of interest to CIA of the 7 March 1975 draft of the Murphy Commission report on Intelligence. No documents were left with Mr. Smeeton and it was made clear to him that the briefing was informal and did not constitute an official Agency position. Mr. Smeeton requested the briefing on behalf of and in his capacity as staff assistant to Representative William S. Broonfield (R., Mich.) recently appointed to the Murphy Commission. Mr. Smeeton stressed that he regarded the discussion as educational for himself and, indirectly, for the benefit of Representative Broonfield, who is also a member of the Oversight Subcommittee of the House International Relations Committee.

25X1A 23. [REDACTED] Accompanied the Director, [REDACTED], Carl Duckett and Jack Jamis and [REDACTED] to a briefing of the House Appropriations Committee Defense Subcommittee on the Agency and intelligence community budgets. See Memo for Record. This briefing will be continued on Tuesday, 22 April 1975 at 2:00 p.m.

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Accompanied [redacted]

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to an executive session briefing of the Special Subcommittee on Investigations, House International Relations Committee on the situation on Vietnam and Cambodia, attended by: Chairman Lee Hamilton (D., Ind.); Representatives Don Bonker (D., Wash.); Michael Harrington (D., Mass.); Pierre S. du Pont (R., Del.); Robert Lagomarsino (R., Calif.); Wayne Hays (D., Ohio), and L. H. Fountain (D., N.C.). Staff members in attendance were: Mike Van Dusen, George Berdes, Mike Finley and Everett Bierman. No transcript was taken.

The Chairman, in line with my agreement with Van Dusen, indicated that pictures of Agency witnesses would not be taken in the Committee rooms. Following the session, the Chairman indicated to the members still in attendance that this session was sort of off the record and that he would make no statement.

[redacted] s briefing was very well received. The Members were obviously interested in the blood bath possibilities, the possible effect of congressional voting for and against aid, and evacuation plans on which [redacted] deferred to State/Defense and others as the experts.

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[redacted] and I met with Chairman John Stennis, Senate Armed Services Committee, for our weekly briefing. See Memo for Record.

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[redacted] Accompanied the Director to a briefing of Chairman Sparkman, Senator Case and Mr. Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, on a new Presidential finding on a covert action program. See Memo for Record.

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[redacted] Attended an LIG meeting in the Situation Room of the White House. See Memo for Record.

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18.

[redacted] Richard Moose, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, called and asked if [redacted] NIO/SEA, could brief Senator Dick Clark at 2:30 this afternoon on Vietnam. After checking with Mr. Cary and [redacted], I called back and said Mr. [redacted] would be there at 2:30.

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19.

[redacted] Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, called and asked that I drop by to see him tomorrow and give him an update on our evacuation of our people. I mentioned to McConnell that we were going to be in touch with Chairman McClellan, Senators Thurmond and Hruska on some legislation introduced by Senator Kennedy which would liberalize the FOIA. McConnell agreed it would be best to handle this with members while the legislation is in Committee rather than wait until it gets to the floor.

McConnell said he thought Hruska would be our best bet.

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CIA Believes Fall of Saigon Is Inevitable

BY PAUL HOUSTON

Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON—The Central Intelligence Agency believes the fall of South Vietnam is only a matter of time and that Communist forces will mount a major attack against Saigon within two weeks.

A House foreign affairs subcommittee heard the bleak assessment from a CIA official Wednesday behind closed doors.

A source said that the official termed the Communist capture of Xuan Loc, 40 miles northeast of Saigon, "inevitable."

"We were told that that will free three to four North Vietnamese combat divisions, which are expected to move in concert with another division against Saigon from the north and west," the source said. "Intensive fighting is expected to begin in the next couple of weeks."

The certainty that South Vietnam will fall was described as "final," the source said. The only question is when. The CIA official reportedly said that, if Congress granted President Ford's request for \$722 million in additional military aid, there was "a chance" that the Saigon government could survive "perhaps through the fiscal year," which ends June 30.

The source said South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu was described by the CIA official as "ineffective politically from any perspective—in military, religious and academic circles."

But the CIA official "seemed to imply that as long as Thieu held power and was predisposed to fight, we would support him," the source said.

The official reportedly said that the U.S. government is exploring no alternatives to a military conclusion to the war, such as encouragement of a political settlement by the replacement of the Thieu government.

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TO: Mr. Marian Czarnecki
Committee on International Relations
House of Representatives

Attached is a copy of the Los Angeles Times article I spoke with you about last week.

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25X1 5. [redacted] Spoke with Vivian Lewis, on the staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and told her that the television interview from about three months ago by U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Akins was not available. [redacted]

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25X1 6. [redacted] Vicki Smith of Senator Chiles office phoned to ask whether there were any laws governing CIA employees concerning what information they may give out after they leave CIA. She said that she had been receiving mail from constituents who are very concerned that too much information about intelligence matters is being made public and she referred specifically to Agee's book and asked, "There are laws governing the amount that former CIA agents can publish, aren't there?" I emphasized that I would not speak about a specific case of unauthorized disclosure but that I would be glad to outline the existing state of the law in this area for background purposes to help her respond to her constituents. I proceeded to do this, underscoring the fact that there are no criminal sanctions for the protection of intelligence sources and methods. She seemed surprised that an employee's secrecy agreement doesn't have more teeth to it and thanked me for the information.

25X1 7. [redacted] Mike Van Dusen, House International Relations Committee staff, called and asked if it would be possible to set up a briefing on Vietnam and Cambodia for tomorrow at 2:30 for the Investigation Subcommittee chaired by Representative Lee Hamilton (D., Ind.). Van Dusen said it would not be necessary for the Director to attend; that [redacted] or Mr. [redacted] NIO/SEA, could do the briefing.

25X1A After checking with [redacted], I called Van Dusen and confirmed the briefing for 2:30 tomorrow. Later Van Dusen called to apologize, that their was a conflict in schedules and asked if we could brief at 0900 hours. I told him this was fine. It was agreed that no transcript would be taken.

25X1 8. [redacted] Called Bernice Kalinowski, Personal Secretary to Frank Stansbury, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who clarified that Friday's briefing of the Intelligence Subcommittee would cover both the CIA and the community budgets.

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STATINTL 6. [redacted] In response to her call of Friday, called Peggy Noll, in the office of Representative Fred Rooney, and advised her that [redacted], an applicant in whom the Congressman has an interest, will be coming to the Agency for testing on 20 May.

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7. [redacted] Called Marian Czarnecki, House International Relations Committee staff, and alerted him to a new Presidential finding on a covert action program. I said the Director would like to brief the Oversight Subcommittee on this program as soon as possible. Czarnecki said they were almost ready to receive these briefings but that the timing is a problem right now. He said he would make a note that we had reported "in a timely fashion."

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8. [redacted] Richard Ashworth, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, called and very apologetically cancelled the briefing by the Director tomorrow of the Subcommittee on Arms Control, International Organizations and Security Agreements. He said he would call later with a proposed date for the briefing. The Director's office, Mr. Duckett and [redacted] were advised.

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9. [redacted] Called Pat Holt, Staff Director, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and alerted him to a new Presidential finding on a covert action program. I said the Director would like to brief the Chairman, Senator Case and Holt as soon as possible. Holt said the timing was a problem but he would get back to us. He said he did not want to let it drag on.

Holt asked if we could find out the status of [redacted]

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[redacted] I told him I would see what I could find out and let him know.

Holt also said that a member has asked about a Vietnamese, Lt. General Nguyen Van Minh of the Military District of Saigon and would like an Agency assessment of his military abilities and competence.

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10. [redacted] Called Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and alerted him to a new Presidential finding on a covert action program. I told him the Director would like to brief the Subcommittee on this program as soon as possible. Slatinshek asked if this would be an appropriate item to bring up at the briefing on Friday of the CIA Subcommittee. I told him this was basically up to the Chairman, since the ranking members of the R&D Subcommittee will be attending that briefing. It was left that I would see him tomorrow and we could talk about it further then.

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11. [redacted] Attended a meeting of the Legislative Interdepartmental Group in the Roosevelt Room of the White House on the subject of Indochina. See Memo for Record.
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12.

[REDACTED] Called Mary Fay, Secretary to Charles Lombard, on the staff of Senator Barry Goldwater (R., Ariz.), to inquire if they had sent us the letter they had received from a constituent, [REDACTED] Mrs. Fay said the letter had been mailed yesterday.

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[REDACTED] Called Bob Lockhart, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee staff, and suggested that the problems we had discussed concerning H.R. 1674 (right of counsel by Federal employees) could be overcome by limiting the bill to the competitive service. He said this was a good idea and might be broached at another stage but that at this point such an amendment would exceed the latitude given him by Chairman Richard White who is essentially interested in some alleviation of the problem for CIA and possibly other security agencies whereas a competitive service limitation would exclude numerous other Federal employees. Lockhart still believes there will still be support for a full exemption for CIA, NSA, and FBI.

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[REDACTED] Mike Van Dusen, House International Relations Committee staff, asked if we could brief the Hamilton Investigation Subcommittee on the Indian Ocean sometime during the week of 21 April. We agreed to be in touch further on this.

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[REDACTED] In the company of Messrs. John Jams, Comptroller, and [REDACTED], IC staff, met with Senator John C. Stennis and Ed Braswell for a pre-briefing on the Agency and intelligence community budget. See Memorandum for the Record.

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7. [REDACTED] Delivered a package of Middle East and Southeast Asia maps to the office of Representative Tim Lee Hall (D., Ill.).

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8. [REDACTED] Attempted to see Tom Smeeton, Minority staff, ~~House International Relations Committee~~, and in his absence, left with his secretary an Agency publication containing biographic information on principal Cambodian political figures, per his request. I asked his secretary to advise him that the Agency is finalizing our comments on the Murphy Commission proposals and would get them to him in a few days.

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9. [REDACTED] Left with the receptionist, in the office of Senator Jesse A. Helms (R., N.C.), two publications for Miles Costick. One was "Potential Implications of Trends in World Population, Food Production and Climate" and the other was "USSR: Long Range Prospects for Hard Currency Trade."

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10. [REDACTED] Met with Dick Kimmel, on the staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, who gave me a memo dated 3 September 1954 from Lewis Strauss. Kimmel asked that we declassify, if possible, one brief reference to the Agency. Mr. [REDACTED] OSI office, is checking this for us.

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11. [REDACTED] STATINTL Mr. John Perkins, in the office of Representative David Bowen, called and requested two or three additional copies of the publication "Potential Implications of Trends in World Population, Food Production and Climate." [REDACTED] is handling this request.

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12. [REDACTED] STATINTL STATINTL Accompanied [REDACTED] OCI, to a briefing of Senator John C. Stennis (D., Miss.) on Agency issues and substantive intelligence. (See Memorandum for the Record for several follow up items.)

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13. [REDACTED] Called Dorothy Fosdick, Professional Staff Director, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Senate Government Operations Committee, to advise her that our personnel representative had made contact with Mr. [REDACTED] concerning employment possibilities on the basis of their referral and she said this was all they needed. I told Fosdick that we would return the original correspondence to her.

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6.

Carl Blake, in the office of Representative Donald W. Riegle, Jr., (D., Mich.), called regarding the letter Mr. Cary had sent the Representative on his file on 7 April 1975, with the result that I agreed that we would advise the third agency involved of Riegle's request that they contact him promptly on the information involved. I said we would attempt to provide copies of the publications referred to in the letter. [redacted], FOIA Coordinator, is undertaking action.

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Frank Sullivan, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called to schedule a meeting tomorrow with Senator Sam Nunn (D., Ga.) at 4:00 p. m. to cover any other hot spots in the world where we might expect trouble or testing. [redacted] OCI, has been STATINTL alerted.

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Ted Shackley, C/EA, advised that he had been requested by General Fred C. Weyand, Joint Chiefs of Staff, to accompany him to briefings before the Senate and House Armed Services Committees at 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., respectively, on 8 April. Mr. Shackley will be going as part of General Weyand's investigating team.

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Ron Tammen, in the office of Senator William Proxmire (D., Wis.), called to advise that the Senator would be going on the floor tomorrow to speak on the recent Soyuz failure and to indicate that he was asking for the testimony of the Director to assess the Soyuz performance in connection with the upcoming joint venture with the U. S. this summer. Senator Proxmire is doing this in his capacity as Chairman, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Housing and Urban Development, Space, Science, and Veterans, and has set the month of May for the Director's testimony at a date mutually convenient.

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Brady Williamson, Legislative Assistant to Senator Dick Clark (D., Iowa), called concerning a briefing on the situation in Vietnam for Senator Clark. Arrangements were made for [redacted] NIO/SEA, to do this after he briefed selected staff members of the House International Relations Committee this afternoon.

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STAT 14. [redacted] Received a call from Jack Brady, House International Relations Committee staff, who asked for a further update on the Southeast Asian situation by [redacted] NIO/SEA, on Monday. Arrangements were made for a 2:00 p.m. meeting.

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25X1 5. [redacted] Met with Bill Ashworth, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and reviewed with him the subject matter to be covered in the Director's briefing of the Arms Control, International Organizations and Security Agreements Subcommittee. It will be essentially the same briefing that was given to Senator Jackson's Senate Armed Services Arms Control Subcommittee, i.e., the limits of SALT, Soviet compliance, ambiguities, etc. I stressed with Ashworth that the Director would not take a position on the issue of possible violations other than to discuss instances of ambiguities. We settled on 10:00 Thursday, 10 April for the briefing. He mentioned that Secretary Kissinger was scheduled to appear before the Subcommittee on 11 April and Secretary Schlesinger later in the month.

25X1 6. [redacted] Jack Marsh, Counselor to the President, called late in the day to say he had received calls today from two congressional offices (Representative John McCollister and Senator Jesse Helms) conveying reports that missionaries are being advised to evacuate Saigon by boat and that people are going about the streets in Saigon giving this advice over loudspeakers. Marsh said if there was any truth to these reports he would like to be advised.

25X1A I checked with [redacted], Deputy Chief, EA Division, who said he was sure these reports were not accurate but he would suggest deferring a reply to Marsh until State receives a reply to a cable sent to Ambassador Martin on this subject this afternoon.

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7. [redacted] Accompanied [redacted] NIO/SEA, to the House International Relations Committee where he gave three staff members a updated briefing on the situation in Vietnam and Cambodia. Messrs. Jack Brady, George Berdes and Mike Van Dusen were present.

25X1 8. [redacted] Talked with Marian Czarnecki, Staff Director, House International Relations, and filled him in on the arrangements under which the Director briefed the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Agency covert actions. Czarnecki said he felt they too would have to have a transcript but the Director would be allowed to go "off the record" as he did with the Senate Committee. Czarnecki said he was optimistic that they could control the transcript under House Rule XI by having the Agency retain the transcript. The Oversight Subcommittee, which will receive the briefing, is to meet next Tuesday 8 April to discuss and decide on the procedures to be followed in these sessions. He expects the briefing will be given in the Chairman's small briefing room just off the main hearing room. We will [redacted] handle the transcript in the usual manner.

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25X1 6. [REDACTED] Received a call from [REDACTED], NSA General Counsel, regarding the implications of House Rule XI and the Harrington episode on Chile. I briefed him fully on this and then asked him if NSA had focused on H. R. 1674, the Daniels bill giving Government employees right of counsel. [REDACTED] did not seem to be familiar with the bill so I had [REDACTED] of this Office, discuss it with him in detail.

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25X1 7. [REDACTED] Jack Brady, staff of the House International Relations Committee, called and we confirmed arrangements for [REDACTED] NIO/SEA, to give the Committee staff an updated briefing tomorrow at 10:30.

25X1 8. [REDACTED] Talked with Bill Ashworth, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, about the desirability of 9 April versus 10 April for the Director's briefing of the Arms Control, International Organizations and Security Agreements Subcommittee. We will get together tomorrow to settle on a time and review the substance to be covered.

25X1 9. [REDACTED] John Warner and I met with Mike Lernov and Tom Greene, staff of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, to discuss the various aspects of Global Marine Incorporated filings with the SEC. See Memo for Record.

25X1 10. [REDACTED] Mr. Cary put me on the line to talk to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] about H. R. 1674. He did not appear to be familiar with the bill, but I outlined it for him and pointed out that it was a lift from the Ervin bill of the last Congress, S. 1688. I reminded him that the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee appeared willing last Congress to give NSA and CIA a full exemption from S. 1688. He said he was all for getting full exemption this time around. I told him we were submitting a report on the bill to the Chairman of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee via OMB in which we would express opposition to the bill and ask for an exemption. He said he would go to the committee as well.

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6. [REDACTED] Received a call from John Chesney, in the office of Representative Thomas E. Morgan (D., Pa.), who requested that one of our recruiters contact [REDACTED] Pennsylvania, at her home. I called Personnel, gave [REDACTED] address and phone number and was told that [REDACTED] C/Recruitment Division, would have someone phone her within the next two to three weeks. I passed this information on to David Smith, in the Representative's office, (Chesney being gone for the day had informed him of the call), who requested that they be kept informed as to progress on the case. I suggested they send a letter indicating the Congressman's interest in this application so that we could keep them posted and gave them the proper address.

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7. [REDACTED] Called Chris Sylvester, Administrative Assistant to Senator Milton R. Young (R., N.D.), and advised him that a constituent, [REDACTED] who applied to the Agency, was being notified by a letter this date that we did not have a suitable vacancy. I assured Sylvester that we had given [REDACTED] application a very careful review and, because of the Senator's interest, wanted to advise him of the outcome of the application.

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8. [REDACTED] Accompanied [REDACTED], OCI, who briefed Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff, House Committee on International Relations, on the situation in Vietnam and Cambodia. The only follow up item was a list of the Cambodians who left Phnom Penh with Lon Nol. [REDACTED] also responded to several questions relating to Turkey and Portugal. The purpose of the briefing on Vietnam was to update Chairman Thomas Morgan (D., Pa.), who is in Pennsylvania, which Czarnecki will do by phone.

In response to my query, arrangements for reporting to the Subcommittee on Oversight, pursuant to the new requirements of the Foreign Assistance Act, Czarnecki said they would follow the organizational meeting scheduled for 8 April. In connection with that meeting, I told him Mr. Cary would advise him on the procedures followed with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee since Czarnecki feels the Subcommittee will want to adopt similar procedures. In connection with Rule XI problem, Czarnecki is in favor of the Agency retaining possession of the transcripts.

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6. [REDACTED] Called the office of Representative Robert McClory and spoke with his appointment secretary Betty Teitgen, regarding our interest in having the Congressman come out for a background briefing on the Agency at his convenience. She said he would be back from the IPU meeting in Ceylon around 10 April and she will remind him at that time.

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7. [REDACTED] Called Mildred Ward, secretary to Senator John Stennis, in DeKalb, Mississippi, and told her that [REDACTED] and I would come down and brief the Senator tomorrow if the Senator wished. I said, however, there really wasn't anything we could add to what is in the papers on the Indochina situation. She said she would pass this on to the Senator and call us if he wanted us to come down.

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8. [REDACTED] 25X1A Received a call from Nancy Carmen, secretary to Marian Czarnecki, Staff Director, House International Relations Committee, who said Czarnecki would like [REDACTED] to come up tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. to brief him on Vietnam. After talking with Jack Brady, of the Committee staff, and finding out that the Chairman had asked Czarnecki to get an update on Vietnam, and after checking with [REDACTED] I called Miss Carmen and explained that [REDACTED] couldn't possibly make it tomorrow morning due to an important meeting but [REDACTED] would be there at 9:00.

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9. [REDACTED] 25X1A Called Julie Dutterer, in the office of Representative Glenn English, in response to her request to [REDACTED], and asked her for the name of the individual involved. She gave me the name in strict confidence. I told her she really should contact State but I would check to see what our people had to say.

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I called her back and told her that I had checked here and we just did not know if the woman's name was on the list for evacuation, but we could only assume that because of the work she was doing her name in all probability would be on the list. She then asked me if the list was available and I told her I didn't know. I suggested if she wished to pursue the matter further, that she go back to State for any further information. I also asked that she keep our conversation on a confidential basis.

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25X1 10. [REDACTED] Called Herb Roback, who is now a staff member of the House Armed Services Committee, regarding the call John Warner had received from Tom Greene. Roback said he did not know Greene personally but had heard of him and he said we might find ourselves in a bit of difficulty with him. Roback, as usual, appreciated our dilemma. He said he thought we might find an analogy in what he thought was a similar situation involving the Defense Department and C-5A cost records on overruns. He suggested that we might want to call Gordon Niederlander in DOD to see how he has handled problems of this sort. I discussed this with Warner later who said Defense has specific regulations covering its actions in matters of this sort and pointed out as a matter of fact their situation is quite different from the one we are now working on.

25X1 11. [REDACTED] Tom Greene, who said he is Representative John Moss' Special Counsel for the House Subcommittee on Investigations for Interstate Commerce, called me this afternoon indicating that Moss was looking into SEC problems. Greene indicated he had been briefed by Mr. Loomis of SEC and had been given my name. He said Moss was most anxious to get the facts on this and wanted to know what CIA authority existed which could override SEC law and regulations. As I attempted to think about explaining this, it was clear this could not be done by telephone. Tentatively, a meeting has been set in Moss' office with Greene present for 11:45 a.m. tomorrow, 2 April.

25X1A 12. [REDACTED] Met with Tom Smeeton, Minority staff, House International Relations Committee, and provided him with a confidential package on [REDACTED]

25X1A 13. [REDACTED] Delivered to the office of Senator Edmund S. Muskie (D., Me.) a letter for the Senator to forward to a constituent.

25X1A 14. [REDACTED] Delivered a letter addressed to Mr. Frederick Schwarz, Jr., Chief Counsel, Senate Select Committee to Study Government Operations With Respect to Intelligence Activities. The letter was written by Mr. John Warner, General Counsel.

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